IHE MINISTER Oh STATE OI IHE MINISTRY O.- MINES (SHRl BALRAM SINGH YADAV): ml An Advisory ccinmittee under the Chairman-snip of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mines has been set Up to assist public sector undertakings and subordinate offices under ihe Ministry of Mine:; who have to deal with foreign investors to ensure better co-ordination and common approach on policy issues pertaining to proposals received from foreign investors for collaborative and joint venture agreements.

tb) Yes, Sir.

(c) Gold, Diamonds, Iron ore and base metals.

td| Ihe estimated value of mineral production excluding fuel and atomic minerals was Rs. \>09 crores from April .to July 1994 as aganist the actual value of production of Rs. 868 crores Jut ing the same period in !9'i3.

Setting up joint venture for gold resources

1666. SHRl G. Y. KRISHNAN: WiH the Minister of MINES ne pleased to state: .

(a) whelher the public sector Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) signed a memoran dum of understanding (MOU) with Naugini Mining Limited of Australia ior setting up a joint venture to identify prospective gold resources;

(b) if so. the salient features ofthe joint venture an

(c) which are th; areas identified by Hindustan Zinc Limited of gold occurences particularly in Karnataka and the estimated gold reserves there; and

(d) when is tlie Australian Company likely to start exploration and mining of gold in Karnataka ?

IHE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRl BALRAM SlNGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the Memorandum of Un derstanding I MOD) between M/s. Niugini Mining Ltd. (NM!) and Hindus- T tan Zinc Limited, signed on 18-7-94, NML will evaluate the data provided by * HZL on few identified gold prospects ex plored by GSI/MECL and prepare an initial project report to identify prospects for feasibility studies and subsequent development. The cost of evaluation will be borne by the Australian Com pany.

In case an economic opportunity is identified, both Companies will form a joint venture Company with Niugini Mining Ltd. holding 60 per cent and ^ Hindustan Zinc Ltd. holding 40 per cent equity io conduct detailed feasibility study and subsequent mine development. The final investment would depend on the type and size of the deposit identified. The MOU will expire if a successful opportunity is not identified within a period of two years, unless otherwise agreed mutually.

(c) Two deposits in Karnataka identi fied by HZL for ini'ial evaluation. The details are as under:—

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Prospects	Reserves (MT)	Grade (Gold)
Ajj'.nahalli	2.7	2.00 G/T
Kempinkotc	3.5	1.22 G/T

(d) M/s. Niugini Mining Ltd.'s eon-suiting geologist havj been visiting H2L^ to examine, the available data. If ihe preliminary report identifies economic targets, a detailed feasibility report will be prepared which will be the basis for* decision, on when the Australian Com pany should start mining of good in Karnataka.

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Mineral deposits in Rajasthan and Orissa

1667. SHRl RAMI.) AS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey so far

during th"-last thr.v years to ideatily deposits *ot* Minerals in Rajasthan as well as in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so. the riix-a, surveyed so far in each State, indicating mineral deposit identified Ii!! date tn each State;

Ic) whether any offer for exploration exploitation of minerals in these States has been received from any foreign agency. and

(J) if so. what is ihe present stage cf negotiations and by when award/contract likely to be given to outside agencies by the respective States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE JN IHE MINISTRY OF MINKS (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) In Orissa coal deposits have been located in Talcher and IB riser Coal fields, gold pro'pects in Keonjhar district; chromite deposits in Cuttack district and Manganese in Koraput district.

In Rajasthan prospetcs of]ead-zinc in Udaipur, Bhihvaru and Ajmer district, copper in Udaipur and Chittor district. gold in Banswara and Sirohi districts, Phosphorite in Udaipur district, Potash in Nagaur and Ganganagar districts and tungsten in Pali and Sirohi districts have been established.

(ci Government of Orissa have received offers for development of iron ore deposits of Orissa from : (i) RTZ (M&E) Ltd.. London, (ii) BHP, Austra'ia, (iii) UDI, Eisenburg, Hongkong and discussions are also going on v ith the following: Ii) (ARE Pvt. Ltd . Australia, (ii) AMIL, Australia, 'iii) De Bears Centenary, Switzerland, (iv) Leader Mining Co., Canada, (v) CRP Ltd., Australia for exploration and exploitation of diamonds in Orissa with the State Government.

Offers for exploration of basemetals in Rajasthan have been received by GSI from BRGM, France. A collaborative programme for copper in Khetri end consultancy work for lead-zinc in Rajasthan is already approved BHP Minerals. Australia has also offered assistance for re-processing of Aeromagnetic Data.

(d) Question of i.he State Govt, awarding any contractjaward wiH arise only if their officers are found advantageous..

Exploiting GranJs from Mines

1668. SHRi SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Wil| the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the name* of th* states where deposits of granite are located.

(b) what are the sites of granite mines in Maharashtra; and

tc) what steps are being taken to exploit granite mines?

I Hi- MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SlNGH YADAV); *(u)* Granite deposits located in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil, Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. .. d

(b) The granite mivves are located in Sindhudurge, Nanded, Bhandara, Thane Gadchiroli, Chandrapur, Nagpur Districts of Maharashtra.

(c) To encourage exploitation of gra nite mines, in the state, Government of Maharashtra has taken the following policy decisions:—

(i) Lease will b_e granted to an applicant who has got IOO per cent EOU or propose to instal within three years from the date of grant of lease within Maharashtra State.

I ii) First come first served basis persons proposing or having IOO per cent EOU.

(iii) Maximum area will be granted for black granite is 50 hectares and for colour and other granite is IOO hects.

(iv) The lease will be granted for IS years with subsequent two renewals for [like period.